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William J. Clinton 1600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington DC 20500

## Dear William J. Clinton;

I am writing today because I am concerned about the genetically engineered foods that have been introduced to the public, and the integrity of organic produce. I urge you to help pass legislation and policies that will mandate clear and accurate labeling of all foods derived **from**, processed with, consisting of, or containing genetically engineered organisms. I also urge you to demand that the USDA **uphold** the recommendations of the National Organic Standards Board to keep "organic" free of genetically engineered organisms,

By labeling products that have been modified in this way you are preserving the public's **freedom** to choose. **I** strongly believe that **people** should make up their own minds about whether or not they should eat the products of gene technology. Although the FDA assures us that these foods are safe, it should be noted that a growing number of physicians and scientists in the independent scientific community are speaking about possible health risks associated with these engineered foods. The wonder&l people in this country should not be treated like guinea pigs. Many people are eating foods that have been engineered and they do not even realize it. Extensive and long term tests should have been conducted before the public began consuming these foods. In the meantime these products should at least be labeled so that people can choose not to be a part of this experiment.

I fully support the USDA's **efforts** to produce national organic standards. I also support the National Organic Standards Board's conclusion that organic food should not be genetically engineered, and support the passage of organic standards that reflect this. Please help preserve our right to choose what we eat and feed to our families!

Sincerely,

Crystal C. Wooldridge

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